Shortage of beds and medicines in Hospitals

769. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of beds and medicines in the various State run hospitals;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for improving the condition of the State run hospitals in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE: (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Health being a State subject, such information is not maintained by this Ministry.

(c) Financial help has been provided under State Health System Development Projects with the World Bank assistance to the States of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh for upgrading/improving secondary level health facilities.

Funds allocated for hospitals in Maharashtra

†770. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government of Maharashtra for development of district hospitals during the year 2002-2003; and

(b) the funds likely to be granted for the development of each of the district hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA):

(a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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